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Applicant: Frank W. Ahern

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Examiner: Lefkowitz, Sumati

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For: **SYSTEM ENABLING DEVICE COMMUNICATION IN AN EXPANDED
COMPUTING DEVICE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-5, 7-8, and delete Claims 6, and 9-23 as follows:

- A1
1. A system for enabling device communication in an expanded computing device comprising:
a primary bus coupled to a first integrated circuit chip having a first register and a second register therein;
a secondary bus physically remote from the primary bus coupled to a second integrated circuit chip having a third register and a fourth register therein;
a first serial link coupled between the first register and the third register; and
a second serial link coupled between the second register and the fourth register; and
wherein the first integrated circuit is configured to enable the transfer of data to the